

**ABATE of Illinois, Inc. E Board Meeting – Oct 21, 2006**  
**These minutes approved on Nov 18, 2006**

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**Executive Board of Directors - Regular Business Meeting – Oct 2006**

Meeting Location – Brookens Auditorium  
University of Illinois at Springfield, One University Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62703

**Executive Board Members Present**

1. State Coord. - Jim 'Legs' Korte
2. Ass't State Coord. - Ed Domine
3. Secretary-Linda Pasetti-Olson
4. Treasurer-Julie Bacon
5. Office Manager-Pauli Ward
6. Legislative Coord – Dan Harper
7. Safety & Ed Coord-Paulette Pinkham
8. Activities Coord. -Carl Shamhart
9. Newsletter Coord. -Ray Heck
10. Products Coord. - Laura Mayer
11. Public Relations Coord-Deb King
12. Bike Raffle Coord-Gus Miller
13. NE Region Co-Coord. - Rick 'RO'  
Olson & Mike Ryan
14. NW Region Co-Coord. -Todd 'Turk'  
Nichols & Roger Larson
15. EC Region Co-Coord. - Jeff Marsh
16. WC Region Coord. - Steve 'Rat'  
Surratt & Rodney Stage
17. SE Region Co-Coord. - Rick 'Doc'  
Jones
18. SW Region Coord Bob Myers

**Executive Board Members Absent**

1. EC Region Co-Coord. - Sharilyn  
Kibler-Russell

**Others Present**

1. Mike Burns-Northern IL
2. Dave & Paula White-Northern IL
3. Larry Haun-NW Suburban
4. Chris & Bridgette Norton-Tri-Co
5. Joe & Patti Saxer-Tri Co
6. Bob Stambaugh-Tri Co
7. Sandy Barnett-Lincoln Land
8. Terry Stage-Peo-Taz
9. Thomas Thomas-Tri-Co
10. Ray 'Razor' & Barb Swinda-  
Freedom by Choice
11. Bob Sheets-Freedom by Choice
12. Ed Gillette-Brothers of Grundy
13. Crystal Shamhart-Ass't  
Activities/Crossroads
14. Fred King-Freedom Riders
15. Elizabeth Kren-Assist. S & E  
Lincolnland

**Note - All references to the Executive Board herein, will be as 'E Board', and all references to the State Board of Directors will be as 'BOD'.**

**Motions to accept minutes, reports and adjournment are not numbered.**

**Call to Order**

State Coord. Jim 'Legs' Korte called the meeting to order at 10:23 AM. with the pledge of allegiance. Recording of the meeting was announced.  
Quorum was present.

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**Approval of Sept 2006 E Board Minutes**

**Document Control Policy** – ‘About them’ was inserted into the third sentence.

**Meeting of the Minds Recap** – Added statement ‘and Mike Kerr has accepted a VP position at the MRF’ to the recap.

**MRF Safety & Ed Assistant**- Second sentence, changed ‘asked ABATE of Illinois to cover her travel costs’ to ‘asked that the MRF Board Rep budget be split to cover her travel costs’.

**Lincoln Marker Assoc**- Added verbiage for motion # B2006-045.

**Corporate Sponsor**-Changed ‘agreed’ to ‘discussed’ in the last sentence before the motion.

**Legislative Report** – Removed statement, ‘our motion for reconsideration failed recently in court recently’ and added, ‘the judge lifted our temporary restraining order’.

**Safety & Ed Report** – Removed ‘Mike Stout, who administered the TEA funds, is currently under indictment’, added ‘Steve Esslinger will administer the TEA funds’.

**SW Region Report** – Added ‘Two chapters were asked by Christine Radogno for sign help, but refused.

Spelling and numbering errors were corrected

**Carl Shamhart moved to approve the Sept minutes as amended. Paulette Pinkham seconded, and the motion carried without opposition.**

**Old Business**

**Calendars**

ABATE calendars are not ready, and will not be distributed today as planned, due to a serious illness in Sharilyn Kibler-Russell’s immediate family. She will be contacted and possibly the calendars will available at the Dec BOD meeting.

**Sled Use Proposals**

Carl Shamhart distributed several options for sled use (proposals included with attachments). Discussion ensued that some money has been received from sled use this year, but its expenses have not been recovered. Insurance and license issues were also raised. **Ray Heck moved to present the sled issues to the BOD and recommend that the sled be sold outright. Linda Pasetti-Olson seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-088**

**State Radio Proposal**

Carl Shamhart distributed his proposal for buying and using two- way radios at state events and for rental to chapters (proposal included with attachments). **Todd ‘Turk’ Nichols moved to recommend to the BOD that the proposal for state radios be accepted. Ray Heck seconded. Motion was carried without opposition. # E2006-089**

**Truck Extended Warranty**

Bike Raffle Coord Gus Miller provided info on a 72,000-mile/six year warranty for \$1,515 and a 70,000/seven year for \$1,550. Since the numbers appeared to conflict it was decided that the terms needed to be researched further. Current

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Truck is six years old, about 20,000 miles per year were put on and only a few repairs were needed.

**Lincoln Ride**

Sandy Barnett reported on plans for improving the event next year and will report more details to the BOD today (timeline included with attachments).

**Lincoln Marker Assoc. (LMA)**

George Tinkham clarified that this intent was not to form a subsidiary of ABATE, but for ABATE to have some members on the board, along with DAR members (Daughters of the American Revolution). Purpose of the organization would be to maintain the route Abraham Lincoln rode as a circuit judge in Illinois and to replace the markers that have fallen into disrepair and/or add additional markers. A BOD vote from August, # **B2006-045** *{Heart of Illinois moved to start a subsidiary corporation of ABATE for the Lincoln Marker Assoc. Blackhawk seconded. Motion carried without opposition. }*, Will be revisited today.

**Products**

Products Coord will ask for votes on a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary patch design today at the BOD meeting today.

**Paulette Pinkham moved to close Old Business. Steve ‘Rat’ Surratt seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.**

**New Business**

**Freedom Riders Anniversary Patch**

A design was distributed that is similar to the chapter logo. Later in the meeting, **Paulette Pinkham moved to approve the Freedom Riders anniversary patch design. Rick ‘RO’ Olson seconded. Motion was carried with no opposition # E2006-090**

**Seminar Workshops**

Suggestions for the event include having grassroots speaker Joel Blackwell or another motivational speaker from the band ‘Cottonmouth’ as speakers, and breakout sessions on the Lincoln Circuit Ride, John Pierce from the MRF on ‘gaining and retaining members’, the NRA speaker from the Meeting of the Minds and Slider Gilmore, as well as PAC workshops. Discussion also included presenting sessions on the history of ABATE of Illinois and workshops on how to perform the duties of chapter officer positions. In response to a question on the Springfield ‘No Smoking’ ordinance, Ed Domine relayed that smoking will not be allowed in public areas of the Northfield Inn, such as the meeting rooms, halls, and banquet rooms.

**2006 Budget**

About 15 areas are currently over 2006 budgeted amounts. After discussion, it was noted that gas prices and office printing costs were higher than expected

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this year and a \$4,000 overage in state party expenses were due to price increases. Expenses for the state party have been raised to \$20,000 in the 2007 budget. Some officers. Went over budget due to MRF and other event attendance, as well as extra programs that were instituted for the membership this year. Overall 2006 income is expected to cover 2006 expenses.

**Lawsuit Update**

George Tinkham relayed that the lawsuit to prevent unrelated transfers of money out of protected funds, namely those earmarked for 'Cycle Rider Training' and 'Off Road Trails' programs, is proceeding. A temporary restraining order to stop the actual transfer of 2006 money lasted over a month, until a judge ruled against the motion and the 2006 money was taken out. The lawsuit ABATE filed against the Governor may still allow us to recover money already raided from these funds by the Governor, though some weaknesses in the original statute were discussed. George and the E Board discussed different strategies that could be presented, and in November, George will file further paperwork requested by the court.

**2007 Raffle Bikes**

Gus Miller announced that he has received the 2007 bikes and they are available for viewing today. An issue with the title for the Vespa scooter from the 2006 raffle is still unresolved, and Gus still has the scooter in his garage.

**Paulette Pinkham moved to close New Business. Steve 'Rat' Surratt seconded and a unanimous vote carried the motion.**

**Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 11:48 AM.**

**Attachments (distributed at meeting)**

**Oct E Board agenda**

**Proposals for Sled Use**

**Proposal for State Radios**

**Lincoln Ride Plans**

**Treasury Report (copies available  
from state office)**